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Doth not Wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places by the way in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors: Unto you, oh men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man. Oh ye simple, understand wisdom; And ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. PROV. 8, 1-5.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. PSALM 50, 2.

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold? And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver. PROV. 16, 16.

He hath made the earth by His power, he hath established the world by his Wisdom, and hath stretched out the Heavens by His discretion. When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of waters

in the Heavens, and He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He maketh lightenings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of Hi treasures. Jeremiah 10. 12-13.

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the Heavens and the earth was full of His praise. And His brightness was as the light: He had horns coming out of his hand: And there was the hiding of His Power. Before Him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at His feet. He stood, and measured the earth: He beheld and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: His ways are everlasting. HAB. 3, 3-6.

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. JOB. 33, 4.

Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God. JOB 37, 14.

Therefore also said the Wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Able unto the blood of Zacharias, which

perished between the alter and the temple: Verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge Ye entered not in yourselves, and them *that were entering ye hindered.* LUKE 11, 49-51.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God: How unsearchable are his judgements and his ways past finding out; For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His councellor? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: To whom be glory forever. Amen. ROMANS 11, 33-36.

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen. Romans 16, 27. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Where is the Wise? Where is the Scribe? Where is the disputer of the world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after Wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the

power of God, and the Wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; And the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; And God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh shall glory in His presence; But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord 1 Cor. 1, 20-31.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12, 3.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. Daniel 12, 10.

Ephraim shall say, what have I to do any more

with idols? I have heard Him, and observed Him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein. HOSEA 14, 8-9.

Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return until He have done it, and until He have performed the intents of His heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. JEREMIAH 23, 19-20.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus through all ages, world without end. Amen. EPHES. 3,17-21.

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. COL. 2, 3.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. COL. 4, 5.

To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. Isaiah 8. 20.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. ISIAH 9, 2.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness to bear witness of the Light that all men through Him might believe. He was not that light but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world and the world was made by Him and the world knew him not. He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which

were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten son which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. JOHN 1, 1-18.

And no man hath ascended up to Heaven but He that came down from Heaven even the Son of Man which is in Heaven. And as Moses lifted up the Serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. LUKE 3 13–17.

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of

God, and this is the condemnation that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest their deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may become manifest that they are wrought in God. JOHN 3, 13-31.

O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end. Deut. 32, 29.

One generation passeth away and another generation cometh but the earth abideth forever. The sun also ariseth and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. The wind goeth towards the South, and turneth about unto the North, it whirleth about continually and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea yet the sea is not full, unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. All things are full of labor. Man cannot utter it, the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. The thing that hath been it is. That which shall be and that which is done is that which shall be done and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See this is new it hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of things that are to come

with those that shall come after. ECCLESIASTES 1, 4, 11.

Wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness.

Wisdom is good with an inheritance and by it there is profit to them that see the sun. For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence, but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it. ECCLESIASTES 7, 11-12.

What a wonderful world made for man to live in. Man cannot comprehend the wisdom, and skill, and love of an all wise Creator, benifactor and preserver. How strange that man rebelled against God, who did everything for him.

Paul said if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat while the word standeth lest I make my brother to offend.

Enoch walked with God
How blest with fellowship Divine,
And saved through faith from sin and death
Through endless years to shine.

How we should live and fear,
And reverence, and obey
Our God who gives us all,
And keeps us every day.

Noah walked with God,
Just and perfect in his race:
And moved in holy fear,
And in His eyes found grace.

Abraham believed in God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. ROMANS 4, 3.

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. ROMANS 4, 20.

How sweet to meditate
At the close of day,
To lay aside all worldly cares,
And watch and praise and pray.

Jacob and Esau grew apart,
In deed and thought and word,
Esau wandered far away,
And Jacob served the Lord.

Jacob received his father's blessing,
It grieved Esau sore.
For then he sought to slay him,
And hated all the more.

Joseph grew in faith and hope,
When all seemed dark and drear.
At last a ruler in the land,
He saved his kindred dear.

Hid in the ark of bulrushes from his enemies, a child of God and part of His great plan, Pharo's daughter found him and he wept. There was a way of deliverance made and she had compassion on him and said, "this is one of the Hebrew children." Then said his sister to, Pharo's daughter: "Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew woman, that she may nurse the child for thee?" And Pharo's daughter said to her: "Go." And the maid went and called the child's mother, and Pharo's daughter said unto her: "Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the women took the child and nursed it. And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharo's daughter, and he became her son. And she called him Moses, and she said this because she drew him out of the water. EXODUS 2, 6-10.

And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and deeds. And when he was fully forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethern the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him and avenged him that was oppressed, a smote the Egyptian: For he supposed his brether ould have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. And the next day he shewed himself to them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are breth-

ren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away saying, Who made thee ruler and judge over us? Wilt thou kill me as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday? Then fled Moses at this saying and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons. And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled and durst not behold. Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt. This Moses whom they refused saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush. He brought them out, after that he had wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness for forty years.

This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up

unto you of your brethern, like unto me; him shall ye hear. This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again unto Egypt, Saying unto Aaron, Make us Gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoice in the works of their own hands. Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon. Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; Who found favor before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built him an house. Howbeit the most high dwelt not in tem-

ples made with hands; as said the prophet, Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool: what house shall ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things? ACTS 7, 22-50.

The Kingdom was divided,
For sin they were brought low,
And prophets warned in faithfulness,
And told of joys and woe.

In a vision Ezekiel saw
The glory of the Lord:
And received commission and instruction
To go and speak His word.

Ephraim he hath mixed himself among the people: Ephraim is a cake not turned. Hosea 7, 8-11

Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not, yea gray hairs are here and there upon him yet and he knoweth not. And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him for all this.

Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: They call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. HOSEA 7, 8-11.

The glorious prophecy
Found written in the word,
How blest the eyes that see,
How blest ears that have heard.

Amos the prophet
  Was called from the herds,
And gave to Israel
  The message he heard.

He told the people of judgement to come,
  And warned them of a final doom,
But told them of the blessing
  That on Israel would come.

Obadiah prophesied the destruction of Edom for their pride and for their wrong unto Jacob and tells of the salvation and victory of Jacob.

Jonah enshrines a type of Jesus Christ, His burial and resurrection.

Micah shewed the wrath of God against idolatry warned them against oppression with a promise of restoration, he told of the glory, peace, kingdom, and victory of the Church, and the birth of Christ, His kingdom and His conquests. And in the 6th chapter and 8th verse, he summed the duty of man: Which is He hath shewed thee O man what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee: but to do justly, and and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. And in the 7th chapter: The church complains of her small number, and the general corruption putteth her

confidence not in man, but in God. She triumpeth over her enemies God comforteth her by promises by confusion of her enemies and by His mercies.

Nahum tells of the majesty of God, in goodness to His people, and of His judgements against Nineveh.

Habakkuk tells of vengence by the Chaldeans and in the 2nd chapter tells of judgements for unsatiableness for covetousness for cruelty for drunkenness and for idolatry. And in the third chapter in his prayer trembled at the majesty of God and shewed the confidence of his faith.

Zephaniah warns the Jews and exhorts them to repent. He reproved them for divers sins and exhorted them to wait for the restoration of Israel and told them of God rejoicing with joy over His people.

Haggai reproved the people for their neglect of the temple. Inciting them he promised them God's assistance. He encouraged the people to the work, and promised to them that the glory of the second temple would be greater than was in the first.

Zechariah exhorted the people to repent He tells them how God cared for Jerusalem and the promise of the presence of God among them under the type of Joshua the high priest, the restoration of the church,

and God gives the promise of Christ. How great the care and patience God had with His people in all ages. They are told of the coming of Christ, and told to rejoice, for He is to be their King. He is just and having salvation and tells how His people are saved through Him, and of His dominions and tells of visions, and repentance is promised to His people, the spirit of grace and supplication and of the foundation opened in the house of David for sin and for uncleanness, and of the death of Christ and of the trial of a third part.

Malachi was the last who prophesied before John the Baptist. He complained of Israel's unkindness of their irreligousness and profaneness. He sharply reproved the priests for neglecting their covenant. He told of the messenger who was to prepare the way before Christ and reprove the people of rebellion sacriliege, and infidelity, and promised a blessing to them that fear God. He told of the judgement of God on the wicked and His blessing on the good. He exhorted them to a study of the law, and tells of Elijah's coming and office.

In fulness of time, Christ came. Oh, wonder of wonders that the Creator became a creature and took on Him human nature and became a man fulfilling the Law that he gave to man. Matthew tells of the

nativity of Christ and of His genealogy from Abraham to Joseph. Mark tells of the works of Christ. Luke tells most of his work in healing and gives the age and genealogy of Christ from Joseph upwards. John tells of the divinity of Christ. Acts tell how God confirmed the acts of the Apostles with miracles and the Holy Spirit coming on the people on the day of Pentecost of Peter's sermon and of the conversion of the three thousand and of the gospel being preached to the Gentiles and of the persecutions of the Apostles of the martyrdom of Stephen and of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus and of his call and work.

The Epistle of Paul to the Romans tells how man is saved and how the Jews were cast off their unbelief and the Gentiles graffed in. It tells how the elect are saved through grace and kept through a living union with Christ. It tells us how the mercies of God must move us to please God and gives duties for the Christian to follow.

In Corinthians the Apostle reproves and instructs them in the Christian way. In the Epistle to the Galatians, Paul warns them of departing from the Gospel that they heard him preach, and shows them how man is justified by faith in Christ.

The Apostle tells them in Ephesians, how man

is adopted into the family of God and tells what man is by nature and what he is by grace, and of the church an holy temple in the Lord and that the mystery that the Gentiles should be saved was made known to Paul by revelation. He exhorts them to unity and to be followers of God and shows them the complete armor of the Christian.

In the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians. He testified his thankfulness to God and his love toward them for the fruits of their faith and fellowship of His suffering, and tells them of their perseverance to the end, and how he is to glorify Christ either by His life or death. He exhorts them to follow the example of Christ and to beware of false teachers and tells them how he rejoiced in their love for Him.

In Colossians, we read of the care Paul had for the church at Colosse. How thankful he was when he heard of their faith. He exhorted them to be constant in Christ and to beware of philosophy and vain traditions worshiping of angels and legal ceremonies which are ended in Christ, and showed them where to seek Christ and mortify the deeds of the body, to put off the old man and to put on Christ. Exhorted them to humility, charity and several other duties, to be fervent in prayer and to walk wisely toward them that are not yet come to the true knowledge of Christ.

He saluted them and wished them prosperity. The Apostle in his Epistle to the Thessalonians, tells them of his being persuaded of their sincerity and conversion to God, of His care and love for them. He gave them a description of the second coming of Christ and gave them divers duties and comforts them against persecutions. He tells them that there shall be a falling away from the faith, and a discovery of antichrist. He craved their prayers for himself and testfied his confidence in them, gave them divers precepts to shun idleness and bad company and concluded with prayer and salutation.

Paul in his Epistle to Timothy put him in mind of the charge that was given him when he went to Macedonia. He tells him of the right use of the law, and speaks of the mercy shown to himself and of his call to preach the Gospel, and that it is meet to pray, and give thanks for all men. He tells him how women should be attired and that they are not permitted to teach and tells him the qualifcations of Bishops and Deacons and speaks of the great mystery of godliness. He fortells a departure from the faith and gives him precepts and rules for widows and elders and for Timothy's health and tells him of the duty of servants, and whereof to admonish the rich and speaks of the faith that was in Timothy's Grandmother Lois, and in his mother Eunice, and in Timothy himself. He

advises him to stir up the gift of God which was in him, to be steadfast and patient in persecution, to persist in the form and truth of that doctrine which he had learned of him. He exhorts him again saying: "Thou therefore my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." In the 2nd chapter and 19th verse. Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are His. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity. And how the servant of God ought to behave himself and tells him in the last days of perilous times shall come and describeth the enemies of the Truth,and shows him his own example and commends the Holy Scriptures. He exhorted him to duty, with all care and diligence. He tells him of his own death, asking him to come to him and to take Mark with him and tells him what befell him at the beginning of his ministry and telling of his faith gives salutations and concludeth.

Paul in his Epistle to Titus begins with:

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the Truth, which is after Godliness. In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began: But hath in due times manifested His word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment

of God our Saviour: To Titus mine own son after the common faith: Grace mercy and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

He tells him how chosen ministers ought to be qualified. He tells him that the mouth of evil teachers is to be stopped and the kind of men they are and gives Titus directions for his doctrine and life and of the duty of servants and of all Christians and he is further directed to put them in mind, to be subject to principalities and powers to obey magistrates, and to be ready for every good work. To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men, He speaks of the work " Regeneration in the Christian and tells him to affirm constantly that they which believe in God be careful to maintain good works and ends with salutation.

In the Epistle of Paul to Philemon, he calls himself a prisonor of Jesus Christ. Oh, to be shut in with Christ, always doing His will. How happy Paul must have been. He says, " I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers," and in the 7th verse. For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by the brother. He tells of his great love for Onesimus, his son in the faith and asks Philemon to receive him as he would Paul himself.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle, to the Hebrews, tells how the Law was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He took on Him the seed of Abraham and is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God through Him. We read in the 4th chapter that the rest of Christians is attained by faith and of the Word of God and of Jesus Christ being our great High Priest that is passed into the Heavens we must and may go boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. We read of the authority and honor of our Saviour's priesthood and how he ought to be skilful in the word of righteousness and go on to perfection. He warns against departing from the faith and tells of the Christian hope being within the vail where Jesus Christ is a priest after the order of Melchisedec, and in the 8th chapter, how by the eternal priesthood of Christ, the Levitical priesthood of Aaron is abolished and the temporal covenant with the fathers by the eternal covenant of the gospel.

In the ninth chapter he gives a description of the rites and bloody sacrifices of the law, and shows how far inferior they are to the dignity and perfection of the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In the tenth chapter, he shows how the sacrifices of the Mosaic law could not make them that offered them perfect. The fourth verse says: For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sin, and

he tells of the obedience of Jesus Christ, and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, once for all. In the 12th verse: "But this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God." In the 13th verse: From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified," and believers are exhorted to hold fast with patience.

In the Eleventh chapter, we are told what faith is and in the sixth verse, we are told of the necessity of having faith, and the rest of the chapter tells of the fruits of faith in the Patriarchs and Moses, and Joshua, and Rahab, and in the Judges and David and Samuel and the prophets. The Twelfth chapter exhorts to constant faith and patience, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, and tells of the New Testament being so much above the old Testament. In the Thirteenth chapter, we are told to let brotherly love continue to be hospitable, honest, to avoid covetousness, to obey ministers, to keep sound minds, to confess Christ, to do good and to communicate, to obey governors, to pray for ministers. Paul prayed for them that they might be made perfect in every good work and concluded with a salutation and and prayer for grace.

In the general Epistle of James we read: My breth-

ren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. We can rejoice under the cross, knowing that God cares for us. In the fifth verse: If any of of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. In the twelfth verse we read: Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted "I am tempted of God," for God cannot be tempted with evil neither temnteth He any man. But every man is tempted when h ..awn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bring forth sin and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. We are told to hearken to the word, to meditate on it and to do thereafter and in the twenty-seventh verse, we are told that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. In the second chapter, we are told that it is not agreeable to the Christian profession to regard the rich, and despise the poor brethren. In the eighth

verse: If ye fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself ye do well. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whoso keeps the whole law, and yet offend in one point he is guilty of all, for he that said "Do not commit adultry," said also "Do not kill." Now, if thou commit no adultry, yet, if thou kill, thou art become transgressor of the law. So speak ye and so do ye, as they shall be judged by the law of liberty for he shall have judgement without mercy, that hath showed no mercy, and mercy rejoiceth against judgement. And we are told not to boast of faith. In the third chapter, we are told to bridle the tongue, a little member, but a powerful instrument of much good and great harm. In the fourth chapter, we are warned to against covetosuness and we are told to be humble and not to judge others rashly and not to be confident in the good success of worldly business, but ever mindful of this life. We should commit ourselves and all our affairs to God's Providence. In the fifth chapter, wicked men are warned to fear God's vengence. Believers are exhorted to be patient after the example of the prophets and of Job, and to forbear swearing. In the thirteenth verse, we read: Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing Psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them

pray over him, anointing him with oil, in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth for the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again and the heaven gave rain and the earth brought forth her fruit." And we read: "If any of you do err from the truth and one convert, let him know that he that converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins.

In the first general Epistle of Peter, he speaks to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galalia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bythnia. In speaking to them he says: "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the father, through santification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you and peace be multiplied. He blesses God, who hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith

unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. He shows them that the prophets prophesied of the grace that should come. In the eleventh verse: Searching what or what manner of time the spirit of Christ which was in them, did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven; which things the angels desire to look into." He exhorts hem to a holy conversation as they are now born anew by the word of God. In the second chapter, he tells them how they can know if they are in the right way. He shows them that Christ is the foundation that they are built upon. He beseeches them to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, to obey magistrates, and teacheth servants to serve their masters, suffering patiently after the example of Christ. In the third chapter, he gives the duty of wives to their husbands, and their adorning and ornaments. In the seventh verse, he tells the husbands how to dwell with their wives, as they are both heirs of the grace of life, exhorting all men to unity, and love, and holy fear, and to suffer persecution for Christ's sake. He declareth the benefits of Christ toward the old world. In the fourth chapter, he exhorts them to cease from

sin by the example of Christ. In the seventh verse, he tells them that the end of all things are at hand, and comforts them against persecution. In the fifth chapter, he exhorts the elders to feed their flocks, and the younger to obey, and tells them of the rewards. In the fifth verse, we read: "Yea, all of you, be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble." In the sixth verse: "Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exhalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you." Also to be sober, vigilant, and steadfast in the faith, with a prayer for their perfection and salutation.

In the second General Epistle of Peter, he confirms them in hope of the increase of God's graces and exhorts them by faith, and good works, to make their calling sure. He tells them that his death is at hand, and warns them to be constant in the faith, by the eyewitnesses of the apostles: beholding His Majesty, and by the testimony of the Father and the prophets. In the second chapter, he foretells them of false teachers, and of their ways and punishment. He tells them that the godly shall be delivered from them, as Lot was out of Sodom. In the third chapter, he assures them of Christ coming to judgement, warns them to repent, and tells how the world shall be des-

troyed, exhorts them to holiness of life and tells them to beware, lest they be led away with the error of the error of the wicked, and fall from steadfastness, but grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory,both now and forever. Amen.

John takes us to the Word of God, and tells us of love, obedience, truth, faith, and holiness of life. In the second and third Epistles, communion with each other in the Lord.

The General Epistle of Jude exhorts to be constant in the faith and tells of the false teachers trying to reduce them, and tells of the punishment of false teachers. In the twentieth verse, we read: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holly Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto Eternal Life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

In the Revelation of St. John the Divine, we read:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants, things which must shortly come to pass and sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John, who bare record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ and of all things which he saw. Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. We read of the coming of Christ, His glorious Majesty and Power. And the opening of the seals in order, And the number sealed, the seventh seal opened and the sixth trumpet sounded, and of the angel with a book open in his hand,,and of the two witnesses prophecying and of the dragon cast out of Heaven, and of the fall of Babylon and of the seven angels with the seven last plagues and of the mystery of Babylon, and of the marriage supper of the Lamb, and of the first resurrection, and of the New Jerusalem, and of the River of Life, and of the Tree of Life, and of the Coming of Christ.

"Search the Scriptures." JOHN 5, 39.

"Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." MATTHEW 10, 16.

"Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore, get wisdom." PROVERBS 4, 7-8.

"And of all thy getting, get understanding. Exalt her and she shall promote thee. She shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her. PROVERBS 4, 26.

Ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy ways be established.

"The wisdom that is from above is pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy, to be entreated full of mercy and good fruits without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. JAMES 3, 18.

"And gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men than Ethan the Ezrahite and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all nations round about. And he spake three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon, even unto the hyssop that spring-

eth out of the wall, he spake also of beasts, and of fowl and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom. I KINGS 4, 29-34.

Jesus speaking to the scribes and pharisees that asked a sign, said: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgement with this generation and shall condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonas, and, behold a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgement with generation and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold a greater than Solomon is here.

And in the parables of Job, we read: "God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof, for he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole Heaven; to made weight for the winds; And he weigheth the waters by measure. When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder. Then did He see it, and declare

it, he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. And unto man He said, Behold the fear of God, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.

PIECES AND READINGS

We will seek the wisdom,
  That cometh from above,
That cheers the sad and weary,
  Love that begetteth love.

O Church of God most High,
  We love to tell the reasons why,
Thou'rt loved in age and loved in youth,
  In thee is found the pearls of truth.

Within thy courts, we, joys have found,
  And prayer and praise in thee resound.
In thee we learned the pleasant way,
  That leads to bliss and endless day.

We've come with sorrow and with grief,
  And we have found a sweet relief.
We've come with burdens and with cares,
  To Him who all our sorrows share.

To Christ we looked in the dark hour,
And Trust His love and trust His power,
Up from the wilderness we come,
Trusting in Him, in Him alone.

He brought us to His house in love,
And there our thoughts have soared above.
And sought His mercy and His grace.
He leads us in His righteous ways.

Great is the grace of faith that is given to the believer. Without faith it is impossible to please God. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. There is no Heaven without Christ, and no interest in Christ without faith, and no faith without knowledge.

"The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. HABAKKUK 2, 14.

The Gospel is good news to a world ruined in sin. It is a highway. And a highway shall be there and it shall be called the way of holiness. It is a clean way. The unclean shall not pass over it. It is a plain way, but it shall be for those the wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein, it is a safe way. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast

shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there. It is an enjoyable way. The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow sighing shall flee away.

At Calvary we receive all the blessing we need.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism. EPHES. 4, 5.

The Life that never dies is going on forever. If sinners would think what they are doing and think of the Eternity that awaits them. If Christians will think of the glory that awaits them, and of the home they are hastening to, of the welcome awaiting them, they might well shout for joy.

God keeps a just account of all we do, and it is what we are doing that will be recorded. If we are doing right in the sight of God, it is well with us.

God is love. I JOHN 4, 8. Happiness is the result of loving God, and doing His will. He sees all our doings, and will help us if we trust in Him.

PEACE

And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him, to reconcile all things unto Himself;

by Him I say, whether they be things on earth or things in Heaven. COL. 1, 20.

For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain, one new man, so making peace. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain enmity thereby; and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. EPHESIANS 2, 14 17.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. HEBREWS 12, 14.

LONGSUFFERING

What if God willing to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering, the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction. ROMANS 9, 22.

And the Lord decended in the cloud, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before Him, and proclaimed the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thous-

ands forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children unto the third and unto the fourth generation. EXODUS 34, 5.

When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing were in few, that is eight souls were saved by water. I PETER 3, 20.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger forever. PYALM 103, 8.

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise as some men count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. II PETER, 3-9.

And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul, also according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you. II PETER 3, 15.

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra, what persecutions I en-

dured; but out of them all, the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. II TIMOTHY 3, 10-13.

GENTLENESS

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation, and Thy right hand hath holden me up, and Thy gentleness hath made me great. PSALMS 18, 35.

But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children; so being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the Gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. I THESS. 2, 7-8.

GOODNESS

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. PSALMS 23, 6.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him. NAHUM 1, 7.

For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty! Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids. ZECHARIAH 9, 17.

MEEKNESS

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. MATT. 5, 5.

Now, the man Moses was very meek above all men which were upon the face of the earth. NUMBERS 12, 3.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted. GALATIANS 6, 1.

Thou art fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into thy lips. Therefore God hath blessed thee forever. Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty, and in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies: whereby the people fall under thee. PSALMS 42, 2.

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell ye the daughter of Zion, behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek and sitting upon an ass and a colt, the foal of an ass. MATT. 21 4-5.

TEMPERANCE

And besides this giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge, temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience Godliness, and to Godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity, faith in Christ, virtue, manliness, knowledge of God and of self, temperance, moderate use of all things, patience with each other, Godliness, likeness to God, brotherly kindness, love to believers in Christ, love to everybody. II PETER 5, 7.

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temprance, against such there is no law. GAL. 5, 22.

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. CAL. 5, 23.

UPWARD

Looking upward to the cross,
  With our load of sin,
Looking to our only Saviour,
  Our help alone in Him.

Looking upward, looking onward
  To the Heavenly land,

Where the ransomed and forgiven
  Before our Saviour st ınd.

Reaching upward, reaching onward,
  Our hope within the vail,
Trusting His sure word of promise,
  We can never fail.

Ever upward, ever onward,
  Till the prize be won.
Watching, waiting, for our Master,
  Till He take us home.

Buy the pearl of greatest price.
  Read it thorough and make your choice.
Choose life and good, the better part;
  Choose Christ and purity of heart.

How beautiful is old age when one lives a Christian life.

Early morning, yes I see
  There is work for you and me.
Words to speak and hearts to reach;
  Careful gleaning wisdom teach.

Early may our thoughts arise.
  Our earnest prayers ascend on high.

Early may be sought the prize
  Prepared beyond the sky.

The glorious morn, how welcome
  To those refreshed from rest and sleep.
The glorious morn, how welcome
  To those who watch and weep.

The glorious morn, how welcome
  To youthful, hopeful hearts.
The scenes of early childhood,
  Impressed, will ne'er depart.

To gaze upon the mountains,
  When morning is begun ;
Or to watch the dancing rills
  As o'er the rocks they run.

To hearken to the waterfalls,
  As they splash and roar,
And see the frosted treeboughs
  With snow and frost froze o'er.

To hear the birds, how sweet their song,
  At the early dawn.
And the workmen hurrying past
  At the break of morn.

See the Scholars marching
  To school, with merry mood.

Heaven and earth re-echos:
"God is good."

But man has fallen guilty man.
His works with ease how can he scan.
The crown has fallen from his head,
And of himself, his works are dead.

Oh, great and wonderous love,
That Jesus died for me.
My sins were on Him laid.
His death hath set me free.

That power that burst the sealed tomb
Will save our souls from endless gloom,
And raise us up to Heaven above
Where all is peace, and joy, and love.

That voice that called our soul from death
Will guide us all the way,
And raise us from the grave again,
To dwell with Him for ever.

That great redemption wrought,
Has brought His people nigh,
And now, with joyful hearts they wait
To wait our Lord on high.

The highest love that heals my heart,
The highest skill that soothes my smart,

The highest good I would pursue,
  Constraining love to Christ, I bow.

The purest love, the love from Heaven.
  Oh, sweet the thought, our sins forgiven.
Jesus died and set us free;
  His law is perfect liberty.

The highest joy is from above;
  No one can that joy remove.
Peace through Christ our risen Lord;
  Happy in Eternal love.

ACROSTIC PRESBYTERIAN

P—ersuing the book, Oh sweet ‹ ·ploy;
R—eading, learning, Oh what joy.
E—dified through grace to stand,
S—end the Gospel to heathen lands,
B—oldly standing for the right,
Y—es, striving with all the might,
T—rust, and do, in love close bound,
E—mbracing doctrines pure and sound,
R—eligion, how comely, how great and wide,
I—n the the Rock of Ages, how sweet to confide,
A—bundance of treasure and no more to roam,
N—eeds all supplied and a permanent home.

ACROSTIC MINISTER

M—inister of the Gospel lifting up the voice,
I—ntreating souls to believe repent and rejoice,
N—otable in thy ways, speaking with a sage's tongue,
I—nterested in thy day and age, instructing old and young,
S—earching the scriptures, words of eternal life,
T—o watch and pray and overcome with good and rife,
E—ntering the Eden above freed from sorrow and pain,
R—eceiving robes, and meeting pastors and loved ones again.

ACROSTIC FLOCK

F—ound and saved eternally;
L—ed, He ever leadeth me;
O—wned, He bought me with His blood,
C—ounted now an heir of God;
K—nown and saved, O wonderous love.

ACROSTIC PRAYER

P—raise the Lord for He is holy.
R—aise the voice in Psalms and prayer.
A—dore Him; He alone is worthy,
Y—ea, give God thanks in love and fear.
E—very sin to God confess.
R—epent and seek His righteousness.

THE MEETING

We meet to meet again.
We part to meet no more.
Oh, who will pass the pearly gates
To yon bright heavenly shore.

How little we know about ourselves, and how little we know about others.

Never ask for forgiveness and say I'll do the do the same wrong the next time.

I searched for truth and wisdom and pureness of speech.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord commanded the blessing even life for evermore.

The very atmosphere of Heaven is holiness. Love is ever kind.

Be calm then O my soul,
Thy Saviour cares for thee,
He will guide thee in the heavenly way,
And thou with Him shall be.

Watch your Words, kind words are seeds.
Watch your Actions, gentle deeds,
Watch your Time, the moments pass.
Watch your Company, goodness lasts.
Watch your Heart, pure thoughts hold fast.

DAYS

When our day of life is ended,
And our work on earth is done,
When those who on us attended,
Will speak of what we have done.

Our virtues, have we many ?
How many could we show ?
Our life, what could they say of it,
If speaking of it too.

Are we loving God and man ?
Are we doing all we can ?
Is our life to Jesus given ?
Is our treasure up in Heaven ?

Short is our time, short is our day,
Till from this world we pass away,
And pass into eternity,
Oh, what will then the record be ?

THE SABBATH DAY

Oh, sacred day, the Sabbath day,
All earthly cares laid away,
Thinking of Christ's love to all,
Rich and poor, and great and small.

The rest from toil, and rest with God;
The way our fathers gladly trod.
They walked in wisdom's pleasant way.
They loved the Holy Sabbath Day.

Like the Disciples still we meet,
With all our griefs and fears.
On the Lord's Day of Christ we learn,
And our hearts within us burn.

Oh, sweet hours when mingled here;
The saints unite in praise and prayer,
And hear the voice that comes from Heaven
Repentance and forgiveness given.

ONE DAY

Rising in the morning,
  Thanking God for care.
Read His word with sacred awe.
  And kneel to Him in prayer.

Go through the day with gladness,
  For our Saviour reigns,
Who died to save our souls from death,
  And everlasting pain.

Using every precious gift
  A fathers love has given.
In humble supplication
  Our thoughts ascend to Heaven.

Trusting in our Master,
  Through faith in Him to stand.
What is just and right pursuing,
  With love to God and man.

Reviewing in the evening,
  Think of mercies given.
And, when our days on earth shall cease,
  The rest for Aye in Heaven.

One may have character while the reputation i covered from sight war is a chastiment on the nation when less punishment will not do.

How could David have written the Psalms without experience and Divine inspiration. How could Moses have written the Pentateuch without inspiration or how could he have made the Tabernacle if he had not the pattern from God. Are we using all our powers for the glory of God? if we are not, what answer will we have to give in the day of judgement? We read in I Corinthians 13, 11: When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things." 12th and 13th verses: "For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part but then shall I know even as I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but greatest of these is charity.

Jesus left His throne on high,
  And came to earth, for us, to die.
He brought us from the miry clay,
  And set us in the Heavenly way.
He sought us when we went astray,
  And when we wandered in the way
That goeth down to death.
  Heaven and earth shall pass away,
But His word endures for aye.
  Tell of His mercy and His grace
Till in Heaven we see His face.
  He shall come in glorious power;
Upon the wicked He will shower,
  Snares fire and brimstone that dread hour.
When they shall call
  To mountains, rocks upon us fall
And hide us from the face.
  Of Him who sitteth on the throne,
The great day of His wrath is come.
  Oh, who shall stand in that great day,
When Heaven and earth shall pass away.
  They who on earth have sought His grace,
They in Heaven shall see His face,
  For evermore.

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous. I PETER 3, 8.

ACROSTIC GOODMANNERS

G—row in grace, and walk in love,
O—bey in thought and deed and word.
O—ut of conversation pure
D—o and say that shall endure,
M—eekly walking in the way,
A—biding in the faith each day,
N—ot forgetting God is nigh,
N—ot keeping back a kind reply,
E—ver follow what is good
R—elieved the oppressed with love imbued,
S—eek the weal of brotherhood.

Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. ROMANS 12, 11.

Adam doubted. That was his first fall. He looked, put forth his hand and ate the forbidden fruit. He kept doubting. If he had only stopped to think of what God had done for him ; of the world He had made for him;of communion with God. What morecould he wish for. God offers salvation through His eternal son Jesus Christ, and says, "I am the Lord thy God." Is it any wonder that all are under condemnation that will not believe is it any wonder that the wrath of God abides on unbelievers.

"For Tophet is ordained of old : yea for the king it is prepared ; he hath made it deep and large ; the

pile thereof is fire and much wood ; the breath of the Lord like a stream of brimstone doth kindle it. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."—MARK 16, 16. What more could man wish for? A perfect salvation is offered him, deliverance from sin and death, and all the blessings of the covenant of grace

"And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He that hath the son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. I JOHN 5, 11-12.

"And when God commands us saying: "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me," should we not seek him with all the heart. "Should not a people seek unto their God." ISIAH 8, 19. And ye shall seek me and find me. When ye shall search for Me with all your heart ; and I will be found of you, saith the Lord; and I will turn away your captivity and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive. JEREMIAH 29, 13-14.

Should not we serve Him with all our heart. who is our life?

And when God command saying: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any grave image, or any likeness of anything that is in Heaven above, or that is in the

earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth, thou shalt not bow thyself to them, nor serve them; For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity upon their children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

We should serve God in the ways of His own appointment and not after the traditions of men. We cannot comprehend His greatness. He is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent.

In the third commandment which is "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain," our thoughts of God should be reverent, high and holy.

"For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. DEUT. 4, 24.

Turn you at my reproof; behold I will pour out My unto you, I will make known my words unto you because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded; but ye have set at all my counsel and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when

your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolatiod, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon Me but I will not answer; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me; For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord. They would none of My counsel. They despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. PROVERBS 1,23-33.

Then said He unto me, "This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it, and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it." ZECHARIAH 5, 3.

And the fourth commandment which is: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord

made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it.

Genesis 2, 1. Thus the Heaven and earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made: and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.

Exodus 16,45. Then said the Lord unto Moses Behold I will rain bread from Heaven for you: and the people shall gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them whether they will walk in my law or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in: and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

Luke 41, 6. And He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up, and as His custom was He went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up for to read.

Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week He finished the work of redemption which was greater than the work of creation, and He met with His diciples on the first day of the week and blessed

them and in Acts, 20, 7. verse we read. And upon the first day of the week, when the diciples came together to break bread Paul preached unto them ready to de part on the morrow: and continued his speech until midnight.

And in Revelation the 1st chapter and 7th verse we read. I John Who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patanos for the word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

And we read Isiah 56, 2,verse Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it: that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

And in first Corinthians 16, 2, verse we read Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store. as God hath prepared him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

And the fifth commandment which is. Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. We read in Proverbs 19, 26, verse, he that wasteth his

father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach.

And we read of Absalom that was taken up between Heaven and earth when seeking to destroy David his father. And in Exodus 21, 15, verse whoso smiteth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. And in Prov. 20, 17 we read, the eye that mocketh at his father and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. And we read in Luke 2, 51, And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth and was subject unto them.

And we read in John 19, 26, 27, when Jesus therefore saw His mother and the disciple standing by whom He loved. He saith unto His mother Woman, behold thy son. Then saith He to the disciple, behold thy mother; and from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. And in Ephesians the 6. 1, 2, 3, we read children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And in Colossians 3, 20, verse, we read children obey your

parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

And the sixth commandment which is thou shalt not kill. In Gensis 4, 8, 15, verses we read, and Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass when t ey were in tbe field, that Cain rose up against Abel his rother and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother; and He said I know not: am I my brothers keeper: and He said what hast thou done: the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the Lord, my punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold Thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth: and it shall come to pass that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the Lord said unto him, therefore whosoever slayeth Cain vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold and the Lord set a mark upon Cain lest any finding him should kill him and Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Node on the east of Eden

And in Gensis 9, chap. 6, verse we read. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed

For in the image of God made he man.

David prayed, Deliver me from blood guiltless O God, Thou God of my salvation.

And in Matthew 5th chap. 21-26 verses, we read have heard that it was said by them of old time. Thou shall not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the Judgment. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the Judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee. Leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly whiles thou art in the way with him: lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the Judge and the Judge deliver thee to the officer and thou be cast into prison, Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

And the Seventh commandment which is Thou

shalt not commit adultery, in the 5th chapter of Matthew and 8th verse we read, Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Wherever the Gospel of Jesus Christ comes in power it is mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

It is through the grace of God that self can be controlled.

In Matthew 5th chapter and 27th verse to 22, We read, ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery, But I say unto you That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart, and if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell, and if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. It hath been said, whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement, But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his saving for the cause of fornication, causeth

her to commit adultery : And whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth alultery.

And in the eighth commandment which is, Thou shalt not steal. In Exodus 21st chapter and 16th verse we read. And he that stealeth a man and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death. And in Exodus 21st chapter and 1-15 verses we read, If a man shall steal an ox, or an ass, or a sheep and kill it, or sell it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. If a thief be found breaking up and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him. If the sun be risen upon him there shall be blood shed for him : for he should make full restitution : if he have nothing then he shall be sold for his theft. If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep he shall restore double. If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten and shall put in his beast and shall feed in another man's field, of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard shall he make restitution. If a fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field be consumed therewith : he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution. If a man deliver unto his neighbor, money or staff to keep ; and it be stolen out of the man's house if the thief be found, let him pay double. If the thief

be not found then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges to see if he have put his hand unto his neighbor's goods, for all manner of trespass, whether it be for an ox, an ass, or sheep, for raiment or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the Judges; and whom the Judges shall condemn; he shall pay double unto his neighbor. If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast to keep, and it die or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it, then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbor's goods, and the owner of it shall accept thereof; and he shall not make it good, and if it be stolen from him he shall make a restitution unto the owner thereof. If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for a witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn; and if a man borrow ought of his neighbor, and it be hurt or die, the owner thereof not being with it, he shall surely make it good. But if the owner thereof be with it he shall not make it good; if it be an hired thing it came for his hire. In Proverbs, 29th Chapter, 24th verse we read: "Who so is partner with a thief hateth his own soul, he heareth cursing and betrayeth it not." And in the 7th Chapter of Joshua we read of the sin of Achan and his punishment, in the 10th and 11th verses. We read "and the Lord said unto Joshua, get thee up, wherefore liest thou upon thy face: Is-

rael hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them, for they have even taken of the accursed thing and have also stolen and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

And in the ninth commandment which is "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." In Exodus the 23rd Chapter and 1st verse we read: "Thou shalt not raise a false report, put not thy hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment; neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause." In Leviticus, 19th Chapter and 16th verse, we read "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the Lord." And in Proverbs, 20th Chapter and 19th verse, we read "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips." And in Proverbs, 19th Chapter and 9th verse, we read "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish." And in the 5th verse, "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape." And in Proverbs, the 6th Chapter, and 16th and 19th verses, we read: "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea seven are an abomination unto Him.

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, snd he that soweth discord among brethren." And we read in Revelations, 21st Chapter and 27th verse: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie, but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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And in Tenth Commandment, which is: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors house, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant nor his ox, or his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's. In Isiah the 5th Chapter and 8th verse we read: "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth." And in the first book of Kings, and the 21st Chapter, we read of the coveteousness of Ahab, King of Israel, when he coveted the vineyard of Naboth, the Jezreelite and of the murder following. And we read in Romans, 7th Chapter and 7th verse, Paul says: "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin but by the law; for I had not known lust except the law had said: thou shalt not covet, but sin taking occasion by the commandment wrought in me all manner of concupiscence, for

without the law, sin was dead, for I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and to the end he tells of the chapter how he has no power of himself to keep the law, but triumphs through Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in the 13th Chapter and 8th to 14th verses, we read "Owe no man anything but to love one another; for he that loveth anothea hath fulfilled the law. For this thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, love worketh no ill to his neighbor." Therefore love is the fulfilling of the law; and that knowing the time that now it is high time to awaken out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent; the day is at hand, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly in the day; not in rioting and drunkeness,not in chambering and wantoness, not in strife and envying; but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. Isiah 42-21: "The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness sake, He will magnify the law and make it honorable." And in Hebrews the 13th chap. and 5th and 6th verses we read: "Let your conversation be without coveteousness and be content with such things as ye have; for

he hath said, I will never leave thee or forsake thee; so that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I shall not fear what man shall do unto me." And in the book of Psalms, 10th chap. and 3rd verse: "For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the coveteous, whom the Lord abhorreth." And in Matthew the 25th chap. and the 1st to 13th verses we read: Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened to ten Virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridgroom; and five of them were wise and five were foolish. They that were foolish took lamps and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept, and at midnight there was a cry made, behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps; and the foolish said unto the wise give us of your oil for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered saying not so, lest there be not enough for us and ye, but go ye rather to them that sell and buy, for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins saying Lord, Lord open to us; but he answered and said: "Verily I say unto you, I know you not." Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Psalm 9-17. The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Matthew 25-46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Proverbs, 2-6-7. For the Lord giveth wisdom, out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up wisdom for tbe righteous. He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is Heaven. Matt. 5-16.

Isiah, 40- 12. Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out Heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighted the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance.

Hebrews 12-29. For our God is a consuming fire.

Psalm 150-6th verse. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

And in Proverbs, 24th chap., 1st verse. Be thou not envious against evil men; neither desire to be with them. 2nd verse. For their heart studieth destruction and their lips talk of mischief. 3rd verse. Through wisdom is an house builded, and by understanding it is established. 4th verse. And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. 5th verse. A wise man is strong, yea a man of knowledge increaseth strength. 6th verse. For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war and in multitude of counsellers there is safety. 7th verse. Wisdom is too high for a fool, he openeth not his mouth in the gate. 8th verse. He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischevious person. 9th verse. The thought of foolishness is sin, and the scorner is an abomination to men. 13th verse. My son eat thou honey because it is good, and the honeycomb which is sweet to thy taste. 14th verse. So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to thy soul when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward and thy expectation shall not be cut off. 23rd verse. These things also belong to the wise It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

Proverbs, 24th chap. 30th verse, I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man, void of understanding. 31st verse. And to it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof; and the stone wall thereof was broken down. 32nd verse. Then I saw and considered it well, I looked upon it and received instruction. 33rd

verse. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep. 34th verse, so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

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103 Psalm. Bless the Lord, Oh my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord Oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known His ways unto Moses His acts to the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy He will not always chide neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him, for He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust. As for man his days are as grass; as a flower o f the field so heflourisheth, for the wind passeth over it and it is gone and the place thereof shall know it no

more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him and His righteousness unto children's children. To such as keep His covenant and to those that keep his commandments to keep them. The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord ye His angels that excel in strength, that do His commandments hearkening unto the voice of His word. Bless ye the Lord all ye His hosts, ye ministers of His that do His pleasure. Bless the Lord all His works in all places of His dominion, bless the Lord oh my soul.

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Ecclesiastes, 12,13-14. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil.

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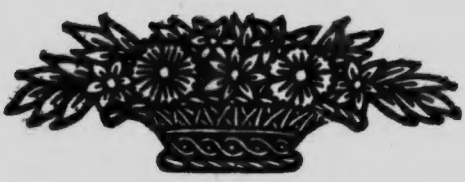
Revelations 7,9-12. After this I beheld and lo a great multitude which no man can number of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues stood before the throne and before the lamb clothed with white robes and palms in their hands, and cried with a loud voice saying: salvation to our God who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, and all the angels stood round about the throne and about the elders and the four beasts and fell before the throne on their

faces and worshipped God, saying, Amen; blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever, Amen.



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